

Application No.: 10/718,896

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**REMARKS****Present Status of the Application**

All pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Rajeevakumar (U.S. 5,426,324). Applicants have amended claims 13, 18, and 25, and added new claims 34-36. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendments made to the claims or otherwise in the application. After entry of this amendment, claims 13-36 remain pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**Discussion of Office Action Rejections**

Claims 13 and 25 have been amended to recite "said conducting structure electrically connects said protruding electrode by contacting the upper surface of said protruding electrode".

Claim 18 has been amended to recite "the capacitor dielectric layer continuously extends from inside the trench to an upper surface of the substrate".

New dependent claims have been added to recite "said conducting structure is separated from the sidewall of said protruding electrode by an insulating spacer".

As agreed during a telephone interview between Examiner Vu and the undersigned, these features are not taught by Rajeevakumar.

Therefore, it is believed that the amended claims 13, 18, and 25 as well as their dependent claims are not anticipated by Rajeevakumar and are patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 13-36 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would

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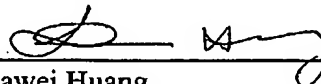
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expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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